

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, August 18, 2008

Present: Cheri Hall, Director

Kurt Schatz, Chair Dave Marcotte

Al Gerew, Vice Chair Juliette Lopez-Recinos

Alice Lavigne, Secretary

Absent: Al Low and Debra Stockwell (Alternate Member)

Excused: L. Kevin McDonald

Guests: Mike and Mary Walmsley

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Kurt Schatz,Chair, at the Spring Lake Beach Facility, 50 Old Hillside Drive, Glendale, RI 02826.

Motion to accept minutes of July 14, 2008 regular meeting by Al Gerew. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence:

The Director reported the receipt of a Thank You letter from Tri-Town for the support of having two 14-15 year old youth work at the Spring

Lake Beach Facility this summer for four weeks.

Chairman Kurt Schatz reported receipt of a letter regarding the expiration of term and re-appointment of Alternate Member Debra Stockwell. Discussion took place stating the non-support of the re-appointment since Debra Stockwell did not attend any meetings to date.

Good & Welfare:

None

Old Business:

Sub-committee report-Ordinance-No report

Doors Recreation Center

Last week the installer of the new Recreation Center doors, Bruce Rylah, was contacted to request a written quote for the costs for the installation of the new hardware for the handicap access equipment. In the meantime, the department will seek other quotes.

League Budgets/C.I.P.

All league budget information has been received except the new Burrillville Patriots Youth Football League for review at the next meeting.

Scope of Work for Trail-Bid results

The Director reported that a preliminary meeting was held with Department of Public Works Superintendent Richard Bernardo, Town Planner Tom Kravitz, Horsley and Witten Group and the Director Cheri Hall. The scope of the project was reviewed with a request to have Horsley and Witten Group write up a proposed contract. Another meeting will be held within the next two weeks to review the proposal.

Town Planner Tom Kravitz and the Director met with Police Chief Colonel Gannon to discuss the abutting property owners of the proposed trail to make him aware of the concerns being voiced. The Colonel stated the main concern would be the patrolling of the trail. Other communities were contacted and stated that it is necessary for the police to patrol a walking trail. The Director reported there are other problem areas that already exist within the town like trails and parks that require the same patrolling. Dave Marcotte stated that a police officer would not be expected to patrol the trail continually but if a problem call is received, the police would be required to report as they do elsewhere in town.

Spring Lake Beach

The last performance as part of the Summer Entertainment Series has been completed. August has been low attendance due to the weather. Next week the beach starts closing at 6 p.m.

Tennis Courts

Currently the Branch River tennis courts are not being utilized for any of the Parks & Recreation programs.

Youth Football League

The new league is practicing at Hauser Field including the utilization of lights on one field from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The league will be required to pay for any additional electricity for utilizing the building at Hauser Field. At the September meeting a review of the electrical costs for Hauser Field will be reviewed. This year the new league will be selling soda, chips and packaged food to help support the financial needs of the league as long as the facility is kept clean. The league President Prescott Chartier has organized a Board of Directors with the Secretary and Treasurer positions filled and a Vice President being sought. A permit request will be submitted for games to be played at Ecclestone Field.

Dave Marcotte made a suggestion for a possible motion for the Recreation Commission to go before the Town Council questioning the issue of the School Department not allowing usage of the new “town funded public field” behind the High School for Youth Football League for five games. The Director suggested awaiting the approval of the use of Ecclestone Field permit form first. Al Gerew stated he would support bringing this issue before the Town Council to clarify the usage and to make them aware of what the Town Charter states regarding the usage of the “town funded public field”.

Coaches Training

Another date has been requested for a coaches training for a few more coaches and to have the Fencing coaches participate.

Branch River track lights

New lights have been installed at the Branch River track.

New Business:

Lacrosse

A Bargain Buyer advertisement for a new Lacrosse program being offered for high school level participants was reviewed. During a prior meeting with the Lacrosse group it was suggested for them to utilize the field behind Steere Farm Elementary School. This would be a school team if they want to compete with other high schools verses a recreational league.

New Programming

The Director reported a new proposed Country Line Dancing class and a Ballroom Dancing class to take place back to back on Friday evenings.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Al Gerew. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Motion Passed 4-0.

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville
Parks & Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street,**

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